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[*Vide* answer to question No. 527 asked by Mr. M. Devadasan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1934, page 47 *supra*.]

1932.	Number of candidates belonging to — Depressed classes.	Adi-Dravida converts to Christianity.	Other Christians.
Government Training School, Koilpatti—			
Elementary Higher—Number applied ..	2	12	10
„ „ „ admitted ..	1	3	5
„ Lower „ applied ..	2	7	2
„ „ „ admitted ..	2	7	1
Government Training School, Tinnevelly—			
Secondary (one year)—Number applied ..	1	..	2
„ „ „ admitted ..	1	..	1
„ (two years) „ applied ..	2	4	29
„ „ „ admitted ..	2	2	17
Elementary Higher—Number applied ..	6	9	17
„ „ „ admitted ..	6	9	7

Appendix XII.

[*Vide* item XIII—Papers laid on the table of the House at page 103 *supra*.]

G.O. No. 2430, P.H., dated 31st October 1933.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Commissioner of the Salem Municipality, dated 22nd May 1933, R.O.C. No. 394/P.H./33.

Order—No. 2430, P.H., dated 31st October 1933.

In its resolution No. 1418, dated 17th February 1933, the Salem Municipal Council resolved that all coffee clubs and sweetmeat shops in the municipality should be made accessible to the so-called untouchables and that the resolution should be embodied in the form of a by-law. This resolution was cancelled by Government under sub-section (1) of section 36 of the Madras District Municipalities Act as they considered that the contemplated by-law, if enforced, was likely to lead to a riot or an affray.

2. The Municipal Council has asked for a reconsideration of this order on the grounds that the contemplated reform is urgently needed and that the fear of a riot or disturbance is unreal.

3. In passing their orders referred to in paragraph 1 above the Government were satisfied on the report of the Collector that the resolution, if given effect to, was likely to lead to a riot or an affray. Since then they have taken legal opinions as to the competency of the Municipal Council to pass a resolution of the kind now in question and to

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embody it in a by-law and they are advised that it is beyond the power of the Municipal Council to pass a by-law laying down as one of the conditions of the licences issued for places used for a hotel or restaurant that a particular class of people should be admitted into such places. The Government therefore see no reason to reconsider their orders in G.O. No. 1118, P.H., dated 23rd May 1933.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Local Self-Government)

E. CONRAN SMITH,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Salem Municipality.
,, Collector of Salem.
,, Secretary to the Legislative Council (with copies for being placed on the table of the House).
[with a copy of the Advocate-General's opinion.]

APPENDIX XIII.

[Vide item XIII—Papers laid on the table of the House at page 104 supra.]

G.O. No. 2375 I., dated 31st October 1933.

READ—the following papers:—

I

Extract from Proceedings of the Legislative Council, dated 29th March 1930.

Report on the Thattahalla project.

1676 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether a copy of the preliminary report on the Thattahalla project and the estimated cost required for the scheme will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—The report has not yet been received by the Government. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the latter part of the answer to question No. 1559 delivered on 18th March 1930.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. the Revenue Member will ask for the information and furnish it to the House?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Yes, Sir."

II

Memorandum No. 6110 *D*/30-2, *P.W. & L., dated* 21*st May* 1930.

[Project—Coimbatore—Kollegal taluk—Thattahalla project—Preliminary report.]

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is requested to state when the preliminary report and estimate for the scheme will be submitted to Government.

A. G. LEACH,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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III

Letter from M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur N. SWAMINATHA AYYAR Avargal, B.A., B.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works and Labour Department, dated Madras, the 14th August 1933, No. 1781/27-B-10.

[Thattahalla project—Kollegal taluk—Coimbatore—Preliminary report *Reference*.—Government Memorandum No. 6110 D/30-2, dated 21st May 1930.]

The Superintending Engineer doubted in August 1932 whether a suitable site for a reservoir would be found. In his subsequent letter No. 37 I., dated 25th January 1933 (copy enclosed), the Superintending Engineer reported that there was no suitable site across the river for a tank or a reservoir. In the Executive Engineer's letter No. 62-S.E., dated 20th January 1933, forwarded with the Superintending Engineer's letter referred to above, a proposal has been made to install an hydraulic ram to irrigate the proposed area and the Superintending Engineer has been asked to submit a report thereon, which is awaited.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 25th January 1933, No. 37 I.

[Thattahalla scheme—Kollegal taluk—Coimbatore—Gauging—*Reference*.—Your No. 2214/31-B-4, dated 7th September 1932.]

The Executive Engineer, Salem Division, has now reported that there is no suitable site across the Thattahalla for a tank or a reservoir.

A copy of Executive Engineer's No. 62-S.E., dated 20th January 1933, is enclosed for your information.

Sub-enclosure.

Letter from the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, dated Salem, 20th January 1933, No. 62-S.E.

[Gauging the Thattahalla river.]

I have inspected the above river at the proposed gauging site on 9th January 1933. The site is quite suitable with rocky bed, straight approaches and clear overfalls. It is within easy reach of the main road and arrangements can be made for a suitable person with intelligence, to go and take the readings of the gauge every morning and evening.

2. As regards the Thattahalla river, it is, in my opinion, impossible to construct a dam and form a reservoir since the river flows through the proposed irrigated area and above it, in a narrow ravine or nullah. Everywhere the land is flat and although there are numerous hills dotted about all over the area, there are not too sufficiently close

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together, so that a dam could be constructed between them to give a good sized reservoir. To put a dam up at the gauging site itself would only mean filling the ravine up and this would give a very small reservoir and quite inadequate to the requirements.

3. The suggested site for a reservoir downstream from Hanur near the hill called Chengadi Betta was also inspected but is quite unsuitable since it is about three miles below the proposed area to be irrigated and at a much lower level, and therefore it is impossible to irrigate the area. So, this site is out of the question. But I have to suggest that I believe it is possible to install a hydraulic ram at a site just below the proposed gauging weir which would supply sufficient water to irrigate the proposed area.

4. I have had levels taken and found that a head of 20 feet could be obtained. With this head I believe a ram could be obtained to supply all the water required. I propose writing to Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield, Limited, of Quilon, Travancore, who are the Agents for "Blake's Hydrams" and asking them for their opinion as to whether a ram could be supplied for this purpose and what would be the cost. On receipt of their reply I will address you again on the matter.

IV.

Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 1781/27 *B*-11, *dated 3rd October* 1933.

[Thattahalla project, Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore district.]

In the circumstances explained by the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, in his letter No. 996-S.E., dated 9th September 1933, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation agrees with the Superintending Engineer that the scheme for utilizing the waters of the Thattahalla stream may be abandoned.

N. SWAMINATHA AYYAR,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle.

Endorsement—No. 1781/27 *B.E.P., dated 3rd Octobed* 1933.

Copy with an extract from the Executive Engineer's report referred to, forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works and Labour Department, in continuation of letter No. 1781/27-B-10, dated 14th August 1933.

N. SWAMINATHA AYYAR,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works and Labour Department.

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ENCLOSURE.

Extract of report from the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, No. 996-S.E., dated 9th September 1933.

* * * *

I have corresponded with the firm of Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield, Limited, Quilon, and I have received their reply . . . From this it will be seen that the scheme is not feasible since the amount of water required is far in excess of what is possible to obtain by pumping with hydraulic rams, taking into account the amount of water available in the stream.

This is due, I presume, to the great loss incurred with this kind of pump.

Therefore, I consider the scheme can be considered impossible and dropped unless it is proposed to install and use some other kind of pump, petrol, oil or steam which have a higher efficiency ratio but these will require careful maintenance and a staff, of at least one man, permanently to run and look after them.

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Order—No. 2375 *I., dated* 31*st October* 1933.

Recorded.

(By order the Governor in Council)

N. GOPALASWAMI,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Secretary, Legislative Council (with 175 copies to be placed on the Council table).

APPENDIX XIV.

[Vide item XIII—Papers laid on the table of the House at page 104 supra.]

G.O. No. 4862, L. & M., dated 23rd November 1933.

The Government are pleased to issue the following orders on the report of the Special Officer, Mr. T. Sivarama Setu Pillai, on the financial position of local bodies communicated in Memorandum No. 10880-1/B-1, L. & M., dated 9th May 1933.

2. *Paragraphs* 12 *and* 23 *of the report—Avenues.*—District boards and district board engineers are requested to devote greater attention to the maintenance and development of avenues and to endeavour to secure a steadily growing income from this source of revenue.

3. *Paragraphs* 19 (1), 46 *and* 49 (2) *of the report—Expenditure on establishments.*—The maximum limits laid down for expenditure on

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district and taluk board establishments in the rule issued with G.O. No. 1778, L. & M., dated 16th May 1932, should in no case be exceeded. Where the existing scales of pay involve expenditure in excess of the prescribed maximum limit, the district or taluk board concerned should revise the scales of pay in accordance with the Special Officer's recommendation.

4. *Paragraph* 19 (*ii*)—*Communications.*—The Government cannot accept the suggestion that panchayats may be allowed to lay out and maintain village roads without the necessity to follow the formal Public Works Department procedure and without the supervision or assistance of the district engineering staff.

5. *Paragraph* 19 (*iii*) *of the report—Expenditure on secondary schools.*—The Government do not approve the suggestions of the Special Officer in respect of introduction of uniform scales of pay for the staff in board secondary schools nor in respect of fixing the strength of the staff in each school nor in respect of prescribing a maximum for the net cost of each school.

6. *Paragraph* 19 (*iv*) *of the report—Public health.*—The Government are not prepared to take over the public health services now administered by local bodies.

7. *Paragraph* 24 *of the report—Bus licence-fees.*—Maximum rates for licence fees on buses have been fixed in a Bill recently passed by the Local Legislative Council.

8. *Paragraph* 25 (*b*)—*Levy of fees from well-to-do patients in medical institutions.*—The Government do not consider it necessary to make any change in the existing practice.

9. *Paragraph* 27 *of the report—The maintenance of road motor services by district boards.*—The question will be considered in connexion with the proposal for the co-ordination of road development with railways.

10. *Paragraph* 41 *of the report—General suggestions for improving the revenues of district boards.*—The Government are unable to accept the suggestions contained in this paragraph.

11. *Paragraph* 61 *of the report.*—The Government agree with the Special Officer that the replacement of municipal dispensaries by aided dispensaries would be one method of reducing the expenditure of municipal councils on medical relief, but they consider that such a step is not practicable at the present time.

The question of provincializing taluk headquarter medical institutions which are now under the control of local bodies and also that of introducing cheaper and more modern conservancy methods are under the consideration of Governmtnt.

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12. *Paragraph* 62 *of the report—Property tax.*—The Government cannot accept the suggestion that appeals against municipal taxes should lie to a court. They consider it unnecessary to fix any time-limit for the presentation of revision petitions against property tax assessments. Section 89 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, imposes an obligation on owners of properties to give notice to the chairman about the construction or reconstruction of buildings. No further provision of law is required in this regard.

The Government trust that the appointment of commissioners of municipalities will lead to an improvement in the assessment and collection of taxes.

13. *Paragraph* 63 *of the report.*—The Government of India have refused to permit the income-tax department to furnish any particulars for the assessment of profession tax.

14. *Paragraph* 64 *of the report.*—The Special Officer's suggestions for the development of the income from markets are commended to municipal councils for adoption.

The question of fixing maximum rates for the licence fees on the various trades is under the consideration of the Government.

The period of repayment of loans for electric lighting schemes should be ordinarily limited to 20 years as at present. Municipal councils are advised to form special committees with a proportion of business men serving thereon under section 24 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, to administer electrical undertakings.

15. *Paragraph* 65 *of the report.*—The Government are unable to accept the suggestion that contributions by municipal councils from the general revenues to the Elementary Education Fund should be discontinued, since the discontinuance of the contribution would in most cases, result in a serious deficit in the Elementary Education Fund.

16. *Paragraph* 67 *of the report.*—Municipal councils are advised to augment their income from the property tax on non-agricultural lands and from the tax on entertainments as far as practicable. Local bodies are also advised to improve their income from profession tax.

The suggestions of the Special Officer regarding the levy of taxes on retail sales and on betting are not acceptable. Ground-rents collected in municipal towns in excess of a flat rate of Rs. 6-4-0 per acre are already transferred to municipal councils. The tax on circumstances and property is not levied in this Presidency.

17. The other suggestions of the Special Officer relating to elementary education are under the consideration of Government in connexion with general questions such as the consolidation and concentration of schools and the Government do not consider it necessary to pass any specific orders at present.

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18. Separate orders will be issued on the other suggestions contained in the report.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Local Self-Government)

E. CONRAN SMITH,
Secretary to Government.

To all Presidents of District Boards.
,, all Presidents of Taluk Boards.
,, all Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
,, all Collectors.
,, the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.
,, the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.
,, the Surgeon-General (with copy of report).
,, the Director of Public Health (with copy of report).
,, the Sanitary Engineer (with copy of report).
,, the Director of Town-Planning (with copy of report).
,, the Law (Education) Department.
,, the Finance Department.
,, the Public Works and Labour Department (with copy of report).
,, the Revenue Department (with copy of report).
,, the Secretary, Legislative Council, for placing the Government Order on the table of the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX XV.

[Vide item XIII—Papers laid on the table of the House at page 104 supra.]

LAW (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

U.O. NOTE No. 4210 A-4, DATED THE 21ST DECEMBER 1933.

COMMUNICATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

With reference to the answer to the supplementary question to the Legislative Council Question No. 308 answered on the 3rd November 1933, the information contained in the annexure hereto is placed on the table of the House.

V. N. VISWANATHA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, Legislative Council Office.

ANNEXURE.

Question No. 308—Starred.

MR. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER.

Will the Hon'ble the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any post-mortem shed in Yedapadi in the Salem district;

(*b*) whether there are proposals to construct any, if there is none there;

(*c*) if so, at what stage it is and when it is likely to be finished; and

(*d*) where post-mortem is being conducted there now?

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Answer.

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) There is a proposal to construct a post-mortem shed at Yedapadi at an estimated cost of Rs. 860, but no provision has been included for it in the budget estimates for 1934–35 as the work has not been considered urgent.

(*d*) Post-mortem is now being conducted at Yedapadi in the open behind the dispensary building.

Appendix XVI.

[Vide item XIII—Papers laid on the table of the House at page 104 supra.]

G.O. No. 817, Finance, dated 20th December 1933.

Read—the following paper:—

From Mr. W. O. Wright, M.L.C., dated 8th December 1933.

Order—No. 817, *Finance, dated* 20*th December* 1933.

The Government are pleased to accept the resignation tendered by Mr. W. O. Wright, M.L.C., of his membership of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

S. A. Venkataraman,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To W. O. Wright, Esq., M.L.C.
,, all Members of the Finance Committee.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, all Secretaries to Government.
,, all Departments of the Secretariat (all sections).

Copy to the Legislative Council for communication to the Members of the Legislative Council.

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